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**CIRCULARLY WELDED JOINT FEATURING  
EXCELLENT FATIGUE STRENGTH, METHOD  
OF PRODUCING CIRCULARLY WELDED  
JOINT AND WELDED STRUCTURE**

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☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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